

duly authorized employee of the board shall endorse on each paper the number of signatures verified by the employee and shall endorse and sign the paper. For the purpose of the endorsement, each paper shall contain a blank space for the endorsement. The papers shall be delivered to the boards not later than 9:00 p.m. on the Monday which is ten weeks or seventy days before the day on which the primary election should be held under the primary election law , or, *in the case of candidates for an office to be filled pursuant to Section 22-1 (b) of this Article, the papers shall be delivered to the boards not later than 9:00 p.m. on the Monday which is three weeks or twenty-one days before the day on which the special primary election is to be held under the Governor's proclamation setting the date for the special primary election.* All papers delivered to a board pursuant to this subsection and required to be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws pursuant to Section 4A-2 shall, after verification and endorsement as herein required, be mailed or delivered by the board to the State Administrative Board of Election[s] Laws, on the Monday which is five weeks or thirty-five days before the day on which the primary election should be held under the primary election law or, *in the case of candidates for an office to be filled pursuant to Section 22-1 (b) of this Article, on or before the Monday which is two weeks or fourteen days before the day on which the special primary election is to be held under the Governor's proclamation.* The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall determine the sufficiency of the percentage of registered voters signing petitions in those cases in which candidates file certificates of nomination or of candidacy in its office. In all other instances, such determination shall be made by the local boards.

8-4.

Not less than thirty days before a general election to fill any public office , and *not less than twenty days before a special election called pursuant to Section 22-1 (b) of this Article to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress,* the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall certify to the board of each county and of the City of Baltimore, within which any of the voters may by law vote for candidates for any office, the name, party affiliation and residence of each person nominated for such office, as specified in the certificates of nominations filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.

9-1.

The times designated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section for declining nominations and for withdrawal of certificates of candidacy are mandatory and the provisions of these paragraphs shall also be applicable to municipal elections in Baltimore City. *The provisions of these paragraphs shall not be applicable to elections pursuant to Section 22-1 (b) of this Article, and any right of withdrawal in such elections shall be limited to whatever is set forth in the Governor's proclamation.* , PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SAID PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR MUST CONTAIN A PROVISION WHICH ALLOWS ANY PERSON WHO HAS FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-1 (B) OF THIS ARTICLE TO WITHDRAW SUCH CER-